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# 5-0 Men's Basketball Team on a Roll

**Justin Godfrey**
**Assistant Sports Editor**

Final Four, here we come! Okay, so maybe it is a little to early to be thinking about national championships, but that doesn't mean the Men's basketball team doesn't have something to celebrate.

On Tuesday, October 2, the Saint Leo Running Monarchs defeated the American University of Puerto Rico Pirates 102-82 in the Marion Bowman Activity Center. This was the Monarch's fifth win in a row and matched their best start ever.

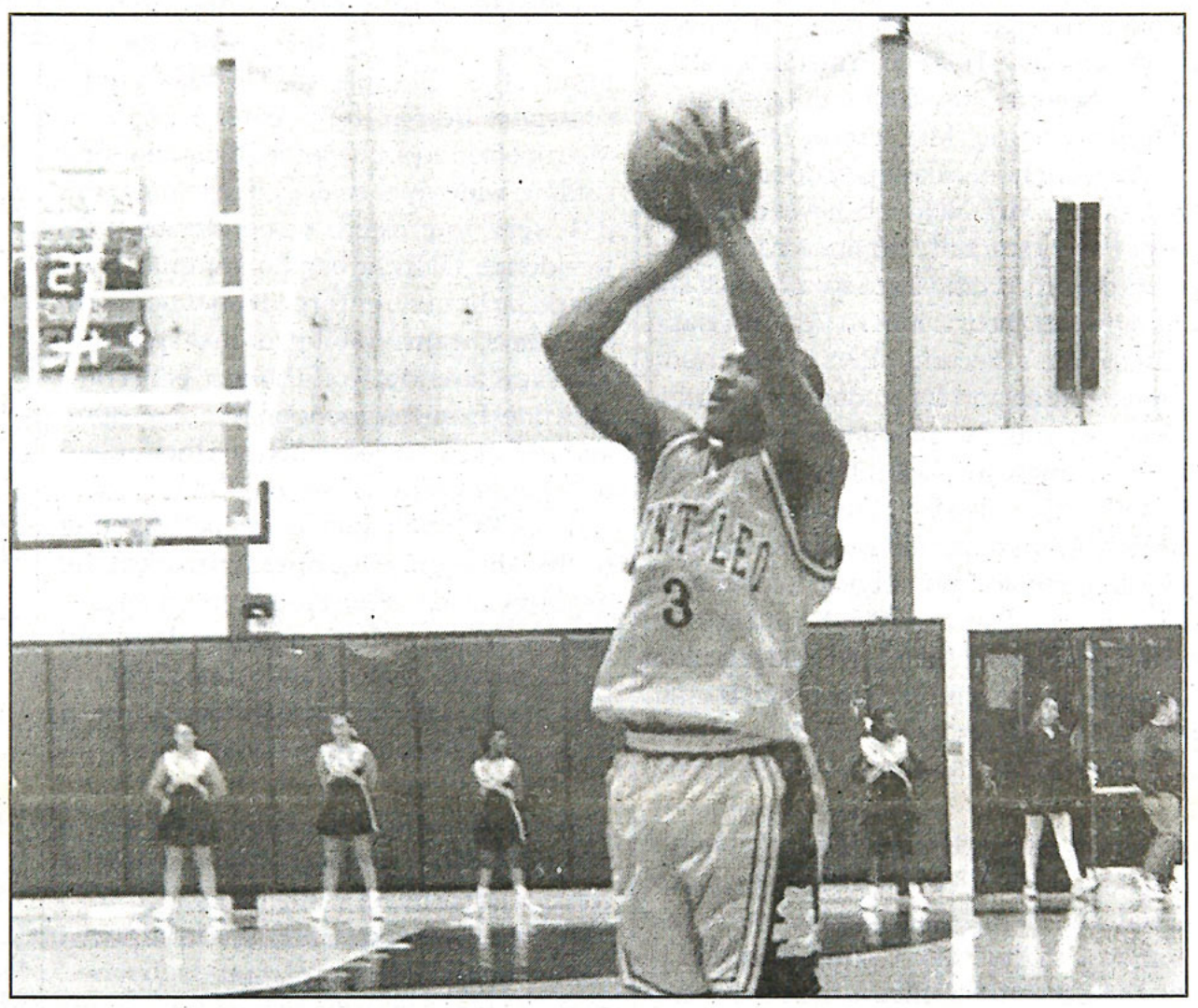
The game had an auspicious beginning as Senior Forward, Joe Philon, missed a slam-dunk on the opening play of the game. For the next fifteen minutes, the two teams played a tight game with neither team having more than a two-point lead.

The game would break open with about five minutes left in the first half. Senior Forward, Shawn Wilson, pinned a shot by the Pirates against the backboard. The Monarchs recovered the ball, and Wilson finished the play with a thunderous slam-dunk. That brought the crowd to its feet and seemed to unnerve the Pirates. They had a series of turnovers, and the Monarchs went into half time with a ten-point lead.

The Monarchs came out strong in the second half and never looked back. Sophomore Guard, Brett Slaughter, hit three three-pointers in a two minute span and ignited the Monarchs on an 11-3 run to begin the half. The Pirates would never get closer than 16 points the rest of the game. There was a scare towards the end of the game. Following a shot, Wilson somersaulted over on his back and came up holding his ankle. He was helped off the court and sat on the bench for the rest of the game. It turned out to be a sprained ankle.

Saint Leo was able to control the ball throughout the game. They also managed to dominate the inside game, not allowing the Pirates rebounds and second chances. The Pirates were forced to shoot almost nothing but three-pointers, and when their two top shooters, Wilfredo Pagan and Eddin Santiago, went cold they were not able to keep up with the Monarchs.

This win continued the Monarchs' much improved play. Gone are the days of uncontrolled passing and costly turnovers. Last year it seemed that every offensive drive would have six or seven looping cross-curt passes. The Monarchs now work the ball around with crisp passing and have been able to penetrate when needed to score the easy lay-up. This team seems to haveall of the tools necessary to be a contender in the Sunshine State Conference this year.




**Saint Leo Men's Basketball player, Shawn Wilson, demonstrates his skill.**

**The Christmas Tree lighting took place in the circle to celebrate this joyous season. Campus Ministry sponsored the event. It included a prayer, a Christmas carol sing-a-long and, of course, an unveiling of the lighted Christmas Tree. Due to the fact the Tree lighting occurred during A.I.D.S Awareness week, red ribbons were also hung on the tree in recognition of those affected or effected by the disease. The Tree lighting was followed by a choice of refreshments.**

**It is unfortunate that after such a beautiful ceremony, something so malicious could follow. In anything but the spirit of Christmas, someone selfishly knocked over the Saint Leo Christmas Tree. Vandalism is inexcusable at any time, but it is especially sad during a season such as this. This act went against everything that Christmas stands for. In spite of this fact, the Christmas Tree stands once more. (Caption by Tara Fernandez)**

**The Christmas Tree as itstands now**

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# From the Desk of the Assistant Editor

**Kate Bristol**
**Assistant Editor**

Like many other students here at Saint Leo, I have to do volunteer work. I work in the Security Office on campus. Normally my duties are answering the phones, filing the tickets written by the officers, and keeping the officer's radio log.

Often I hear the Security Office and its employees being criticized by the students. I find this particularly upsetting because, through my experience working in the Security Department, I have seen first hand all the services Security provides for the students.

Head of Security, Mrs. Jerome Helton, has a twenty-four hour a day-open door policy to any student. Mrs. Helton believes in the privacy of every student. Whenever someone enters the office and asks to speak to her, she immediately escorts him to her office and shuts her door. Security offers free transportation to the airport for students with airline flights. Security also escorts students around campus at night for their safety. In the Security Office there is a list of most of the local banks, pizza parlors, and gas stations. Security will also "unlist" your phone number from public access. Due in part to Saint Leo's Security Department, Saint Leo College is rated the safest in the nation. The office is open twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year. Whenever any student comes in with a parking ticket, Mrs. Helton listens to the situation and makes a fair judgment on whether or not to make it stick. There is an officer on patrol all day and night. Security has very close contact with the Pasco County Sheriffs Office. The Security Office is here to protect and help all the students. So, instead of criticizing our Security Department, let's begin to realize how valuable a resource they are.

## Retraction Box

The Saint Leo *Monarch* Newspaper Staff would like to apologize for any errors in our publication and any inconvenience they may have caused. In the November issue these errors were made:

Ms. Kari Knowles was not mentioned as the Interim Assistant Director of Residence Life in "A Hall Full of Changes." Pg.1

Geoffrey Ehrensing's name was spelled incorrectly in "Intermurals." Pg.6

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Dear Santa,

Last year I got two lumps of coal for Christmas. I have not been naughty this year; I have been very good. I have been studying harder and behaving myself. So this year, instead of coal, I would like the following: yogurt at the cafeteria, um, I mean St. Leo Dining Services, no more flyers stuffed in my mailbox and under my door. If I cared to, I'd read the posted ones, Stone Willy's to deliver like I thought they were supposed to do, on-campus recycling for aluminum, paper, plastic, and glass, the option to live on or off-campus, on-campus housing to be as affordable as off-campus (off-campus is cheaper, Santa), a year-round swimming pool, after all, this IS Florida, public transportation in the Greater East Pasco Metropolitan area, no more of those annoying campus-wide voice-mails. I'd read the flyers if I were interested, co-ed dorms, um, Residence Halls, a bar on campus, (two would be better), enforced quiet hours on weekdays, transferability of meal plans to The Cage, an end to world hunger, better buy-back rates from that monopolistic book store, and advance knowledge of when they intend to "change editions" so that I'm not stuck with books I don't want, better path lighting by the Abbey, my flex-bucks to work at the Nightly Grind Coffee House, too, a serious change in the visitation policy. I am old enough to vote or die for my country, why not have guests of the opposite gender?, more of Eddie's stir-fry, longer breakfast hours, hot till 10:00 works for me, roast beef and Swiss cheese back at the Deli, a true student weight room instead of being *allowed* to share the Athletic Department's weight room at certain hours, the Cage's pizzas and subs to be priced competitively with local pizza and sub shops' deals, If I didn't have the "use-em or lose-em" flex-bucks, I'd buy elsewhere, and World Peace.

Santa, I have been very good. Merry Christmas; I'll see you on the 24th!

From the top of your list of who has been nice,
David Bryant

## Examination Schedule

**MWF 3:30pm** Tuesday, December 16
8am-10am
**TR 8:00am** Tuesday, December 16
10:10am-12:10pm
**TR 1:30pm** Tuesday, December 16
2pm-4pm

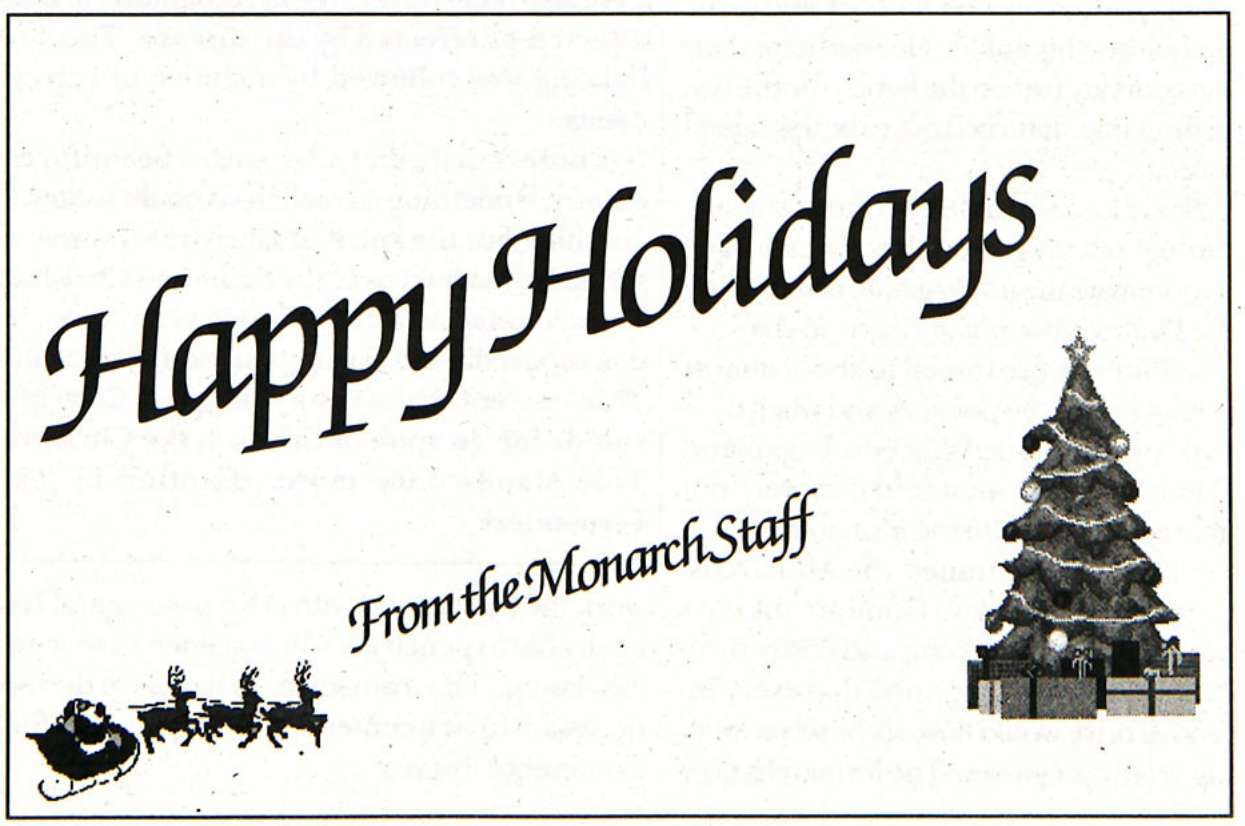
**MWF 8:30am** Wednesday, December 17
8am-10am
**TR 11:00am** Wednesday, December 17
10:10am-12:10pm
**MWF 10:30am** Wednesday, December 17
2pm-4pm

**MWF 11:30pm** Thrusday, December 18
8am-10am
**TR 9:30am** Thrusday, December 18
10:10am-12:10pm
**MWF 2:30pm** Thrusday, December 18
2pm-4pm

**MWF 9:30am** Friday, December 19
8am-10am
**MWF 1:30pm** Friday, December 19
10:10am-12:10pm
**TR 3:00pm** Friday, December 19
2pm-4pm

**Notice**

On Thursday, December 18, at 5:30pm there will be a recognition ceremony for all students qualified to graduate in December. It will be held in the west end of the McDonald Center. Students who are participating are expected to be in cap and gown and are eligible to invite guests to join in the ceremony. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the Raleigh Greene Room in the McDonald Center.
Any questions should be directed to Dr. Maureen Powers office in DeChantal Hall.



# Saint Leo Mourns the Loss of Brother Paul

**Dolorosa Kissaka**
**Staff Writers**

Brother Paul Clarence Tennis, a monk of the order of Saint Benedict at Saint Leo Abbey, and a great artist, died of cancer, November 15, 1997. He was 72. Preceded by a 10:30 a.m. liturgy at the Abbey church, Brother Paul was laid to rest at the Saint Leo Abbey Cemetery, November 20, 1997.

He passed on, but his great works of art will live on always. He touched and inspired many lives through his creative and prolific art which he expressed in different ways. He did very beautiful woodcarvings and made bird houses, too. He made magnificent stained-glass windows which are seen in many local churches including the Saint Leo Abbey Church, Saint Francis Hall at Saint Leo College, and Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital's Chapel in Tarpon Springs. He also had a great experience with watercolors of which marvelous works are cherished by many in different places, including Saint Leo College and Pasco-Hernando Community College.

Brother Paul will be missed by his family, friends, and community. He was a man with a sense of humor, and his departure left a void. Mr. Joe Geiger, a retired Saint Leo College Art professor, commented on Brother Paul's unselfish way of life. He said that Brother Paul's works kept getting better as he grew older. Mr. Jim Hughson, currently a Photography professor at Saint Leo College, recalled the friendly conversations he shared with Brother Paul, which sometimes led to philosophical and spiritual dimensions. Brother Paul once said to Mr. Hughson that life wasn't as difficult as one might think if one turned everything around in a friendly manner. Commenting on Brother Paul's unconditional love, Brother Anthony, a monk at Saint Leo Abbey, said, "He smiled at us when everything seemed to go wrong and told us we're beautiful."

# An Update of the Affairs in Academics

**Tara Fernandez**
**Editor**

Academic Affairs, with the guidance of the Vice President, Dr. Astolfi, has been working to "better address the needs and desires of students" in a variety of ways.

First of all, Dr. Mark Edmonds has been named the new director of the Learning Support Services Center. This center will incorporate tutoring programs, academic advising, and services for the learning disabled. It will also involve both the Writing Center and the Math Lab and Study Hall sessions, regularly scheduled and staffed with tutors four nights a week.

S.G.U.'s Academic chair, Sarah Hard, has also been aiding this improvement process through a survey. According to the results, internship opportunities are of top concern with the student population, followed by a Study Abroad Program and the creation a more coherent communications program. Now that this evidence has been collected, Academics Affairs is beginning to address these concerns.

With the help of the Academic committee and Dr. Astolfi's Advisory Board, a focus group is being created to examine the entire registration process. This will include the drop/add process, transfer credits, but also issues nonacademic in nature such as bill payments.

Another small committee of faculty and one student will be focusing on the current basic studies curriculum. They will explore a number of questions, like what makes a Saint Leo education distinctive? What should the students be learning? Why is that important? And, how is the faculty going to go about doing that? This committee is already meeting and should be ready for discussion in the spring.

Yet another group formed to address the needs of the student is one chaired by Dr. Wilson and includes Dr. Reynolds and Dr. Rimmanelli. They are in the process of developing a proposal for the creation of a new major in International Business. This program may be available as early as next year.

Finally, in addressing the desires of all students, but especially those involved in the Honors Program, the Honors Council has been meeting to address a number of concerns with the Program. Some of these include student recruitment, the possibility of a community service component, and the examination of the current Honors' Mission Statement. The purpose of this Council is to work toward the development of a more cohesive Honors Program.

The purpose of the formation of these various committees is two-fold. First, it is addressing the needs and desires of the students, but it is also the first step in improving Saint Leo College's academic program as a whole.

# Carol Picot Receives Staff Appreciation Basket

**Linda Banuat**
**Staff writer**

If you are wandering around campus wondering what needs to be done in preparation for Spring term, mosey over to Saint Edward Hall. The office of Carol Picot, Student Service Coordinator, is located on the third floor. Carol provides numerous services to the students at Saint Leo College. Services such as registering students for classes, processing numerous applications, or reviewing transfer credits are all a part of Carol's busy day.

**Mrs. Carol Picot**

In addition, Mrs. Picot provides the students of Saint Leo with many of the forms required by the College. Some of the most common forms a student might need are forms for declaring/changing a major or minor, adding/dropping a class, or transferring credits. Making a trip to Mrs. Picot's office will ease much of the paperwork requirements necessary for beginning Spring term.

Carol has worked in the Education Department since 1990. Yet, it is not uncommon to hear the familiar phase, "Go see Carol Picot; she probably knows," as many departments rely on her experience.

While Carol was being interviewed for this article, numerous students filed in and out of her office registering for the coming Spring term. Carol states that she really enjoys working with the students and always takes the time to help a confused student. Likewise, many times Carol is the person who helps a student make sense of the reasons a particular course fits (or doesn't fit) degree requirements.

Saint Leo is truly blessed by having such a kind, caring person quietly working to solve the many problems that develop in the day to day struggle of college life. Genuine appreciation is certainly warranted for such a unique person. Thank-you Carol Picot.

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# Literacy R' Us

**Mark Edmonds**
**Cub Reporter**

I guess it all started the day my motorcycle wouldn't. No, that's another story. This one began in September.

**Mark Edmonds**

I got a call from the new academic v.p. He said he wanted to talk to me. Then he said he would come over to my office. That was where it got really weird. Twenty-seven years in higher education, and this was the first time anyone above the rank of chairman had ever done anything other than summon me to the Puzzle Palace for proclamations, declarations, and lamentations.

I called my parole officer and rescheduled. No, that's not right; that's a different story, too. Anyway, Dr. Astolfi came to my office, looked around, stifled a laugh, and got right down to it. He began talking about his plans and ideas for academic support services. He spoke of study halls and a consolidated learning center where students could get any kind of academic help they need. He talked about how we could address tutorial needs and work with students who are on academic probation. By the time he got around to the part about insuring that students here get a quality education, the kind of education that will take them on to graduate schools and promising careers, he had me pledging allegiance. When he asked did I want to help, I told him I was his little buttercup.

That was back in September, and we've already got a pretty good start on it all. The Library Study Hall (6:00 to 9:00, Sunday through Thursday evenings) is being used more and more. Apparently students have caught on that it's not only a quiet, well-lighted place, but that they can also find tutorial help there.

Similarly, it looks like the Writing Center (Lewis Hall) is attracting more students as you all become aware of the standards of college-level writing. The two professional English tutors in Lewis Hall, one of whom has both ESL and SLD experience, are pretty busy, too.

And it seems to me that the College 101 course is going pretty well, but you should probably check with some of the freshmen who are taking it to make sure. Some of them fell by the wayside the first couple weeks of the journey. It was so cold up in the passes that the animals froze, and we had to eat the mules. No, never mind, that was a long time ago.

Next semester should see the consolidation and centralization of these services. Again, the plan is to provide academic help to everyone at all levels, from help with your freshmen comp. papers to help with graduate school applications. Dr. Astolfi rejected my idea of calling the place Literacy R' Us, and referring to me as "The Walkin' Boss," but other than that, things are looking pretty good.

If any of you have ideas on this topic, please let me know about them.
Peace and Respect.

# Calendar of Events

**January 1**
New Year's Day, Offices Closed
**January 2**
New Year's Observed, Offices Closed
**January 7**
Women's Basketball: Lynn University (Home) 5:30 pm, Men's Basketball: Lynn University (Home) 7:30 pm,12:00 pm Time Cards Due
**January 8**
Halls Open for New Students 9 am, New Students Orientation
**January 9**
New Students Arrive, New Students Orientation
**January 10**
New Student Orientation, Returning Students Arrive, Halls Open for Transferred Students 10 am
**January 11**
New Student Orientation, Registration
Mass: Sister's Chapel
**January 12**
December 1998 Grads Apply for Graduation in Div. Office, Classes Begin - Mandatory Attendance, Mandatory Floor Meetings - Official Head Count
**1/12- 1/27** Period to Request Room Changes
**January 13**
December 1998 Grads Apply for Graduation in Div. Office, Samaritan's Meeting - TBA
**January 14**
December 1998 Grads Apply for Graduation in Div. Office, Men's Basketball: Florida Tech (Home) 5:30 pm, Blood bank 9:30 am - 5:30 pm, Student Organizations President's Roundtable 12:30 pm - 1:25 pm
**January 15**
December 1998 Grads Apply for Graduation in Div. Office, Blood bank 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
**January 16**
December 1998 Grads Apply for Graduation in Div. Office, Deadline for Schick Tournament 5 pm,Entries for Gasparilla Race Due 5 pm
**January 17**
December 1998 Grads Apply for Graduation in Div. Office, Women's Basketball: Eckerd College (Home) 2:00 pm, Men's Basketball: Eckerd College (Home) 4 pm, SGU Trip to Adventure Island
**January 18**
December 1998 Grads Apply for Graduation in Div. Office, Vertical Ventures Indoor Climbing, Outdoor Rec., Trip to Brandon Mall & Regency Plaza Movies 11 am - 5 pm
**January 19**
December 1998 Grads Apply for Graduation in Div. Office, Schick Tournament
Martin Luther King Day - No Classes/Offices Closed
**January 20**
Schick Tournament, Last Day to Add Courses, President's Leadership Seminar
Last Day to Reduce Courses Without Fee
**January 21**
Schick Tournament,SGU Comedy Night 9-11 pm
**January 22**
12:00 pm Time Cards Due
**January 23**
CLAST Registration Deadline, Pre-Rush Social 8-10 pm, 5:00pm Entries for Intramural Basketball Due
**January 24**
SGU Trip to the Magic Kingdom, Women's Basketball: Barry University (Home) 2:00 pm, Men's Basketball: Barry University (Home) 4:00 pm, Up With People - Zephyrhills High School Tickets $8
**January 25**
Up With People - Zephyrhills High School Tickets $8, Super Bowl Sunday Mass, Lion's Lounge 4:30 pm
**January 26**
Intramural Basketball Captain's Meeting 6-7 pm, Intramural Basketball Tournament
**January 27**
Intramural Basketball Tournamen, Intramural Basketball Referee Clinic 6pm, President's Leadership Seminar 6 pm-7:30 pm, Movie Madness 9 pm-11:59 pm, Last Day to Request Room Changes
**January 28**
Intramural Basketball Tournament, Intramural Basketball Referee Clinic, Women's Basketball: Rollins College (Home) 5:30 pm, Human Family Reunion Dinner - The Lost Children 6-9 pm, RA Selection Info session 8 pm
**January 29**
Intramural Basketball Tournament, Faculty Colloquium 3:30 pm, Mandatory RUSH Meeting for all interested students Intramural Basketball Scrimmage Co-Ed Teams
RA Selection Info Session 5 pm
**January 30**
Greek Rush
**January 31**
Trip to the Dali Museum Student Activities 10:30 am - 7 pm
Greek Rush

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# Club Profile
# Psi Theta Epilson

**Lisa Bisordi**
**Staff Writer**

Psi Theta Epilon is a local sorority which was founded in 1975. The sorority became national in 1992 and was named Theta Phi Alpha. In 1995, Theta Phi Alpha again became local and returned to the name Psi Theta Epsilon. There are five active sisters on the Saint Leo Campus. They are Alysha Becerra (President), Everlee Baez (Vice President), Desiree Thomas, Marla Lombard, and Katherine Joncas. There are also two active big brothers, Jeff Popoli and Pete Skouras. Psi Theta Epsilon still have quite a few alumni living in the general Tampa area who visit often.

The active members of Psi Theta Epsilon meet once a week and are all active in different school organizations around campus. The sorority is involved in various community service projects and looks forward to doing more in the future. Psi Theta Epsilon was involved in donating a Thanksgiving basket to those less fortunate and also the "Toys for Tots" Christmas drive.

Psi Theta Epsilon's colors are purple and gold, their mascot is a penguin, and their flower is a daisy. The sorority's motto states "Unity Through Perfection." Desiree Thomas thinks that her involvement in Psi Theta Epsilon has been a very rewarding experience. Desiree states, "Through thick and thin my sisters are aways there." There is a deep amount of unity expressed between the members of Psi Theta Epsilon. A well known saying attributed to the sorority is "With a friend at hand you will see the light, if your friends are there then eveything is alright." This statement explains what it means to be in Psi Theta Epsilon. "It's an experience that you'll never forget, one that you'll always remember," says Everlee Baez.

**_Monarch_ Staff's Top 5 Ways to Unwind During the Holiday Break**

1. Go to the beach. (If it is over 60 degrees outside)
2. Sleeping in until noon. (No more 8am classes)
3. Listening to the radio. (All the radio stations probably come in clearly at home)
4. Pigging out. (No more cafeteria food)
5. Staying up late with friends. (For fun, not because you're cramming for exams)

**ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS**

The *Monarch* is looking for Letters to the Editor. If you have a view you wish to express, feel free to write a letter and submit it to *Monarch* Office in Dechantal Hall, across from the health center.

# Music Review: Ever Clear

**John Bosco**
**Staff Writer**

Ever Clear has successfully melted "eighties quirkiness" with nineties aggression. They produced an album that adheres to the flavorful sound that acquired old fans and will attract new.

By using great enuciation, smooth melodies, and aggressive guitar solos, Ever Clear spotlights their talent. They have secured and embellished all those good things the '80s bestowed upon our decade. They suceed in both grabbing and opening ears to their insane sound. Notable hits include the punkish "Amphictimine," "Why I don't believe," a ballad, and the title track with a humming prelude that leads into a continuous party sond that appars on the "Clueless 2" Soundtrack.

Ever Clear has succeeded in their attempt to produce an album for those in need of a stressless diversion.

# Movie Review: *The Rainmaker*

**George Root**
**Staff Writer**

You can be certain that if you read a new John Grisham novel it will eventually become a movie. *The Rainmaker*, which is the sixth of his conspiracy thrillers, is Matt Damon's (*Fear*) best performance to date. He plays the amiable Rudy Baylor just out of law school. None of the big firms will hire him, and he is in debt up to his ears. He takes his two cases, a will dispute and a fraudulent insurance claim, and joins the shady J. Lyman "Bruiser" Stone (Mickey Rourke) and his ambulance chasing partner, Deck Schiffler (Danny Devito). And, no, it's not just another Memphis based melodrama.

This stellar cast includes Clare Danes, Danny Glover, and Dean Stockwell, among others. Clare Danes is Rudy's third case, a battered wife who he eventually falls in love with. The trial judge in Baylor's largest case is played by Danny Glover. This insurance case is an example of a big corporation taking advantage of poor people. Great Benefit Insurance Corporation won't provide medical care to Donnie Ray Black (Johnny Whitworth) who is dying of leukemia. This claim denial results in his eventual death. Francis Ford Coppola, who gave us the *Godfather* movies, creates in the *Rainmaker* a legal thriller, provides much laughter, and a little romance. It is the best movie adaptation of a John Grisham book yet. Set in Memphis, the film has an elegant Southern flavor to it. This movie is for the fan of the underdog. In the end, Rudy questions the legal profession and opts not to continue being a modern day Robin Hood. When can we expect Grisham's *The Runaway Jury* to hit the silver screen?

# Movie Review: *Eve's Bayou*

**Kathleen McManus**
**Staff Writer**

*Eve's Bayou* is an eerie Southern story set in Louisiana in the 1960s. It stars Samuel L. Jackson, Lynn Whitfield, Debbie Morgan, and Diahann Carroll.

The film is based around the mystery and intrigue in the lives of two sisters, Cisely (Meagan Good)/ and Eve (Jurnee Smollett). Considering Jurnee Smollett is only an adolescent, she gives a powerful performance. The movie portrays the unusual and tragic events which occur in the family before the death of their womanizing father, Louis (Samuel Jackson). Lynn Whitfield plays the girls' mother, Roz, and Debbie Morgan does a good job as her sister-in-law, Mozelle. *Eve's Bayou* shows the darker parts of human nature. All of these characters have secrets and problems and these are revealed all through the movie, not just at the end.

Because it's being set in Louisiana bayou, the movie is very interesting culturally. It explores Southern Black aristocracy. It is an exciting film, and has a startling ending. Considering some of the movie selections out there right now, this one is a great pick, and I would highly recommend it.

# Saint Leo Welcomes Perspective Students

**Jason Parker**
**Staff Writer**

Registration began at 11:00 am Saturday morning at the west end, McDonald Center. A couple hundred high school seniors attended this Open House at Saint Leo College. The bookstore was open, selling t-shirts, Saint Leo bumper stickers, pens, pencils, and a greeting to all the browsing parents and students. Opening session began at 11:30 in the McDonald Center continued till 12:15. People were there greeted by Dean Imperato, Dr. Powers, Gary Bracken, and Mary Estes, Director of Admissions. Lunch was at 12:15 in the cafeteria. The menu was a delicious brunch that consisted of either a breakfast plate selection or a tender chicken dinner.

Gary Bracken replied after lunch, "what great food." Academic Fair followed lunch in the west end of the cafeteria, McDonald Center. The Academic Fair displayed all the different possible majors Saint Leo offers. About the same time as the Academic Fair, all Open House guest had the option to attend Academic Sessions in Lewis Hall which were mini lectures done by Saint Leo major advisors.

The Open House needed a little excitement, so some upperclass students preformed a skit in The Cage about being a new college freshman. A raffle was held for T-shirts, Busch Garden tickets, Museum of Science and Industry passes, and Lowry Park tickets. During the skit, multi-flavored ice cream sundaes were made for the audience. Coaches were available to meet with students interested in playing sports for Saint Leo. Open House covered all opportunities available for the new college freshmen.

Dr. Rimanelli is organizing an inexpensive May Session '98 Travel to Europe class for three to six credits. The first week will feature the arts and beauties of Paris and nearby castles, then the second week will be seeing the sights of Rome, in it's Renaissance splendor. Dr. Rimanelli will be your guide and interpreter. Enroll in the class this Summer, or call for further information. All must have valid passports.

COSTS: total $1,600 (two week trip/lodging) and food extra (on your own =$500 per trip) equals $2,100

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# Intramural Update

**Sean Goldman**
**Sports Editor**

In intramural flag football, Tutti's Allstars defeated the team of Antonio Bolonios 12-7 in the final game. As winners of the Saint Leo Flag Football Tournament, Tutti's Allstars traveled to the University of South Florida on Friday, November 24, 1997 to participate in the Regional Flag Football Championships. Many teams from all over Florida came to the tournament. The first round was a round-robin tournament. The teams with the best records moved on. Tutti's Allstars lost their first game. In the second half, a late interception and a touchdown pass won the game for them 7-6.

Coming up in intramurals will be 4-on-4 Beach Volleyball on the court located between Benoit Hall and Henderson Hall. Tournament action starts on December 7.

# Five Soccer Players Named All-Conference

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Five Saint Leo Men's soccer players were named to the All-SSC Team in 1997. Junior, Jon Akin, was named unanimously to the first team All-Conference and All-South Region. This is the third straight season that he has earned first team honors. Joining Akin, with first team honors is senior, Matt Ville. Steve Boyle was named to All-SSC Second Team . Also on this team is the Irish duo of Alan Henry and Gavin Redmond.

# Lady Monarch Volleyball Finish Best Season In Ten Years

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The Saint Leo Women's volleyball team finished better than they have since 1987. They finished with a record of 17 wins and 18 losses, and they had 4 wins and 8 losses in the Sunshine State Conference. The Monarchs finished second in the SSC in aces with a school record of 2.23 aces per game average. Freshman Amy Hutson, set three single season records: 64 aces, 349 digs, and a 2.93 dig average per game. She was also named to the SSC All-Freshman Team. Sarah Doctor, also in her first year as a Monarch, set the single season record for assists with 965 on the year. April Phelon added to her current records with another excellent season at the net. She finished third in the SSC, averaging 1.05 blocks per game.

## Mememorial Scholarship Fund Winners

William Horgan M.S.F
**Maria Pardo-Vasquez** ($526)
Genevieve Horgan M.S.F.
**Jeffery Cox** ($500)
Aloysious Bolak M.S.F.
**Andrea Chavez** ($475)

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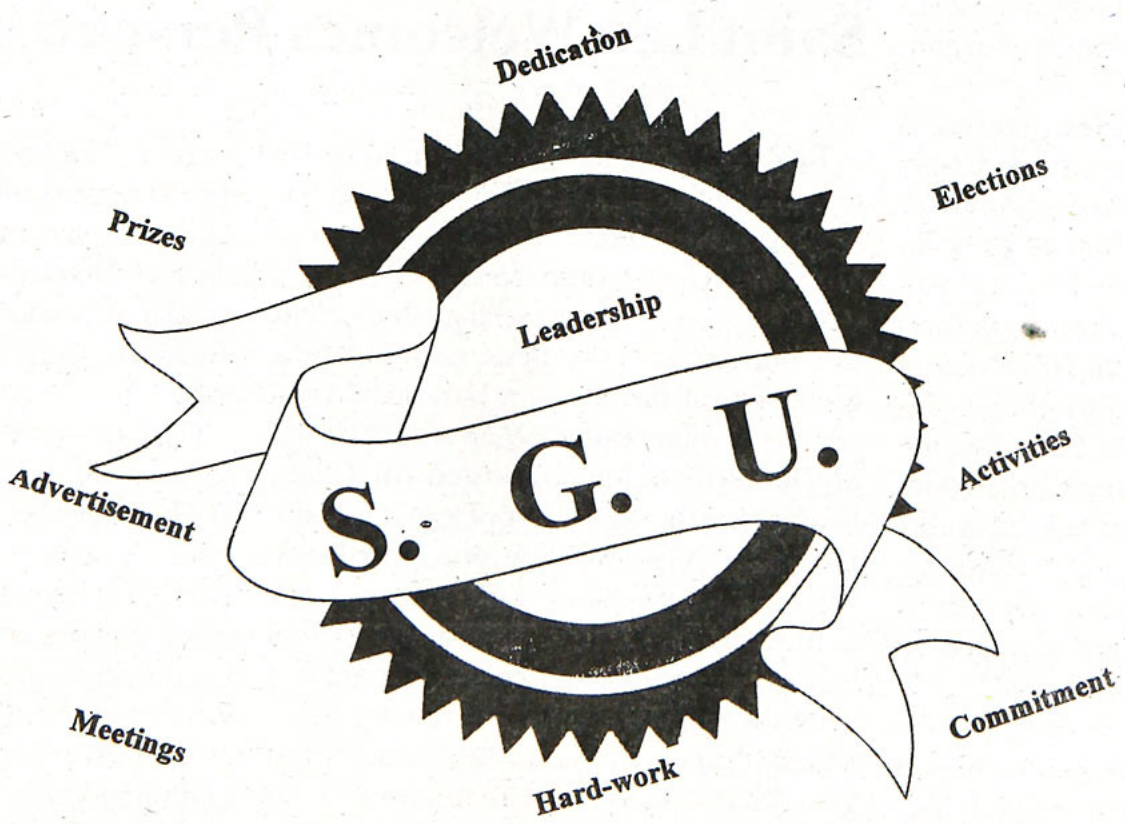


And Why Not?

***It's Your Government....***

# From the Sports Desk:

**Justin Godfrey**
**Assistant Sports Editor**

Recently, I made my way to the first home game for the Men's basketball team. I must say that I was surprised to see that the stands were almost completely filled. This was the first time in four years that I have seen those stands full.

That made me start wondering why don't more students don't come to Saint Leo sporting events. I know this isn't a Division I college with 40,000 students, and teams that play in nationally televised games. But, is it really that hard to fill the bleachers in the Marion Bowman Activity Center?

As the Assistant Sports Editor of the *Monarch*, I try to attend most of the games here at Saint Leo. I don't make all of them, but I have been to enough to notice certain trends in attendance. First of all, Men's basketball is the largest draw of all the sports. Soccer is probably second, followed by baseball, and Women's basketball. Volleyball, tennis and softball tend to draw the smallest crowds.

Talking with friends and other students, I have noticed several reasons why attendance is so poor at games. Some people say that it interferes with schoolwork by limiting study time, or that they have meetings scheduled during game times. Other students simply don't like sports. For the last two years or so, the number one reason has been that the teams aren't winning.

However, now the teams are winning. The volleyball team finished with its most wins in years, and the soccer team had another strong year. Two weeks into the basketball season, and both teams are off to their best starts ever. And it appears that both the baseball and softball teams will also be fielding stronger teams.

So now, the number one excuse is no longer valid. I know that papers are due, and there are tests to study for. But next time there is a game, why not take a study break? Go down and support whatever team is playing. It will help you relieve stress, and teams almost always play better in front of large home crowds. And uppermost on most college students' priority list, it's free!

# Monarch Basketball Teams on a Streak

**Sean Golden**
**Sports Editor**

The Saint Leo College Basketball program must be asking itself if there are any other college teams left in Puerto Rico. Both the Men's and Women's teams swept their opponents in the past week and thereby set school records for best starts in a season.

On Saturday, December 6, the Monarch's Women's basketball team defeated the University of Puerto Rico- Bayamon Pirates 94-75, before a home crowd. The Pirates were no match for the *Monarch's* size underneath the basket.

Saint Leo set the pace of the game by opening with a 13-4 run. They established the early lead by feeding Chanita Olds under the basket where she used her size to score the easy points. Puerto Rico stayed close early on by making their free throws. Four of their first six points came at the line. That was all of the offense they could muster in the first ten minutes of the game.

After calling a timeout, the Pirates seemed to play a more focused game. A tight full-court press seemed to rattle the Monarchs. As a result of the pressure, the Pirates were able to pull within one point, and then they took the lead with a long-distance three-pointer.

For some reason they then stopped pressing the Monarchs. Being able to bring the ball down court uncontested, Saint Leo was able to set up their offense and run the plays they wanted to. Capitalizing on missed shots and turnovers by the Pirates, Saint Leo reeled off 19 unanswered points and dominated the rest of the first half. They went into the locker room with a 53-36 lead.

Both teams started the second half flat. Neither offense could generate much offense, but the Monarchs continued to build on their lead and with about 8:00 minutes left, led by as much as 30 points. The University of Puerto Rico tried to pull the game closer but could not hit any of their shots.

# The Turkey Chase

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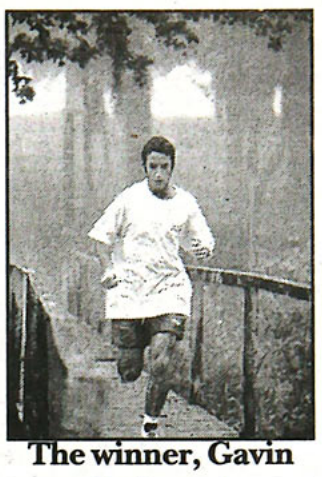
**Sports Editor**



**The winner, Gavin Redmond**

The Saint Leo College Turkey Chase is an annual 5K race that takes place around Thanksgiving. This is the second year for the race. It was founded by Mike Dudomaine, a Saint Leo student, in 1996. The race is run all around the campus. First prize is $75; 2nd-$50; and 3rd-$25. In this year's race, Gavin Redmond won the male division (for the second straight year) with a time of 19:31 minutes. Also in the male division, Dr. Kirk finished with a time of 22:20. Megan Houtsma won the female division with a time of 23:42 minutes. Other finishing times were: Tony McKeowan- 19:52 (2nd place male); Scott Largen- 13:53 (3rd place male); George Root- 21:40; Steve Coss- 21:41; Sarah Hard- 24:21 (2nd place female); Kathleen Houtsma- 25:59; Joe Crook- 26:00; Phong Chau- 27:20; Bill Baker- 30:30; David Bryant- 31:36; Chris Corlito- 32:47; and John Vargas-Cinfrino- 33:28. The Outdoor Recreation staff would like to thank all the runners and volunteers who made this run possible.

## Notice

The Writing Center will be closed after December 15th until next semester.

### 1997 Sunshine State Conference Soccer

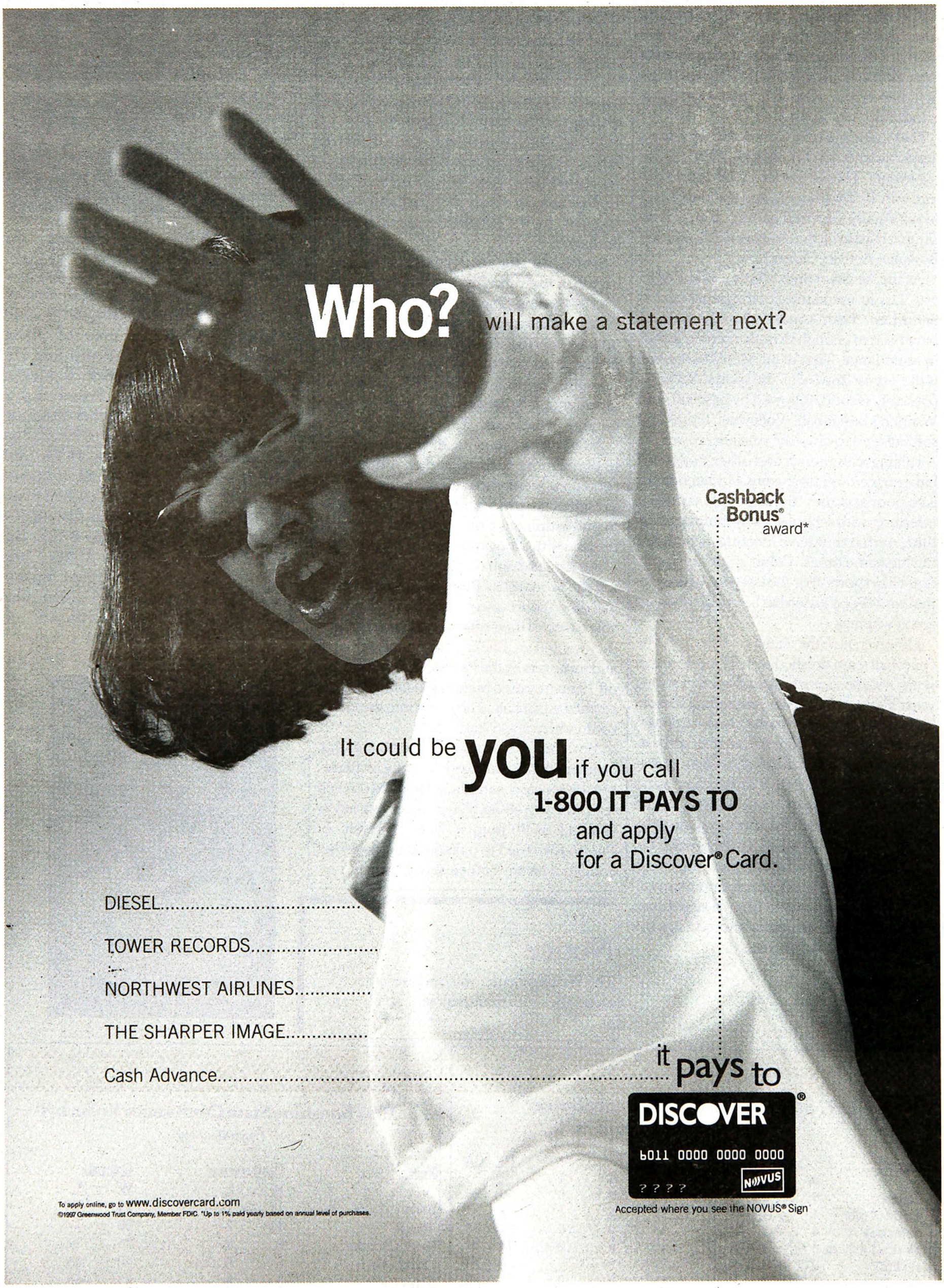
(Final Standings)

| Team | Conference | | | Overall | | | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | T | W | L | T | | |
| Tampa | 6 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 3 | 0 | 69 | 26 |
| Florida Tech. | 4 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 1 | 43 | 33 |
| **Saint Leo** | **4** | **2** | **0** | **13** | **5** | **0** | **39** | **18** |
| Florida Southern | 3 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 42 | 11 |
| Rollins | 2 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 34 | 34 |
| Barry | 1 | 5 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 35 | 21 |
| Eckerd | 0 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 13 | 53 |
| Lynn | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 54 | 9 |

### 1997 Sunshine State Conference Volleyball

(Final Standings)

| Team | Conference | | Overall | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Barry | 11 | 1 | 24 | 4 |
| Tampa | 11 | 1 | 30 | 1 |
| Florida Southern | 8 | 4 | 26 | 11 |
| Florida Tech | 6 | 6 | 20 | 15 |
| **Saint Leo** | **4** | **8** | **17** | **18** |
| Rollins | 2 | 10 | 11 | 23 |
| Eckerd | 0 | 12 | 7 | 21 |
| Lynn | 0 | 0 | 2 | 22 |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